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Brig. General E. A. McDonald Deputy Eirector Special State-Defense Study Group

Dear General McDonald:

This is by way of a status report on the economic annex to the Special State-Defense Study Group's Near East study.

As Ambassador Holmes reported in his 25 July memorandum on this subject, we have had to assemble and evaluate a considerable body of new data in order to produce the kind of economic projection desired by the Study Group. This data is now in hand, and I can confidently predict that the desired study will be completed by mid-November.

I am aware that Ambassador Molmes, in his memorandum, spoke of submitting the annex by mid-October. This was his interpretation of our agreement to produce it in three or four months' time, depending on the difficulties encountered. I am sure you will agree to our proceeding as planned with the production of a finished piece of research which responds as fully as possible to the Study Group's requirements.

Sincerely yours,

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